provides for grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations for establishment and maintenance of old age homes, day care centres, mobile, medicare units and non-institutional services for olders persons.

This Ministry has also commissioned a national project for Old Age Social Income and Security (OASIS) and nominated an 8 member Expert Committee to examine policy questions connected with old age income security in India and submit its recommendations to the Government. The final report of the project OASIS was submitted to the Government in January, 2000. Its recommendations are being examined by the Government.

The Ministry of Rural Development is administering National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS). Under this scheme, monthly pension of Rs. 75/ is being given to destitute elderly of sixty five years and above.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation programmes for aged and handicapped persons

†1141. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government organize programmes to involve society in the rehabilitation and assistance programmes for aged persons, handicapped, weaker and helpless sections and make them realize their responsibility;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these programmes are reviewed every year at the Ministry level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of welfare schemes funded by the Ministry being carried out in States through the voluntary organisations/NGOs are indicated below:

1. Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities.
2. Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase of Aids/ Appliances.
3. Prevention of Alcoholism & Substance (Drugs) Abuse.
4. Grant-in-aid Programme for Essistance in the field of Social Defence.
5. Integrated Programme for Older Persons.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

6. Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Organisations/Self Help Groups for Construction of Old Age Homes/Multi Service Centres for Older Persons.
7. Integrated Programme for Street Children.
8. Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes.
9. Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations Working for the Other Backward Classes.
10. Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for the Other Backward Classes.
11. Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on Economic Criteria.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Expert Committee for New Pension Policy

1142. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Expert Committee headed by Mr. S.A. Dave, former Chairman of Unit Trust of India has suggested wide-ranging reforms and recommended a new pension policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken a decision to implement the new pension policy mooted by the Dave Committee; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment had commissioned, in August, 1998, a project OASIS (an acronym of Old Age Social and Income Security) and nominated an 8 member Expert Committee, headed by Dr. S.A. Dave, former Chairman, Unit Trust of India, to examine policy questions connected with old age income security in India and submit its recommendations to the Government. The Committee submitted its final report to the Government on 11.01.2000. The Report contains recommendations on the schemes and action that Government may take so that every young worker builds up enough savings during his/her working